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11. (SBU) French MFA Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) desk officer, Michel Clerx, told us on February 20 that France fully supported all of the points in the U.S. non-paper provided in reftel, including an extension of the Office of the High Representative's (OHR) mandate, and the reform agenda. He noted, however, that Russia continued to lobby against the quint proposal, and in favor of limiting the extension to only six months.

12. (SBU) Clerx commented that the reform agenda laid out in our nonpaper was in line with French priorities for BiH. He highlighted police and constitutional reform as France's two top concerns.

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